

**SOUTH DAKOTA  
COUNSELING**

**CLIENT RIGHTS**

All agencies shall ensure that clients' rights are fully protected, including:

1. All rights guaranteed under the constitution and laws of the United States and the State of South Dakota;
  - (a) The right to refuse extraordinary treatment;
  - (b) The right to be free of any exploitation or abuse, including for example, any financial or sexual relationship with any agency personnel or any member of the governing board;
  - (c) The right to seek and have access to legal counsel; and
  - (d) The right to confidentiality of all records, correspondence and information relating to assessment, diagnosis and treatment in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 290 dd-3 and ee-3 and 42 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 2.

2. Residential programs shall ensure the following rights to all clients:

(a) The right to visitation with family and friends, subject to reasonable written visiting rules and hours established by the agency; however, agency personnel may impose limitations as necessary for the welfare of the client if the reasons for such limitations are documented in the client's individual case record;

(b) The right to conduct private telephone conversations, subject to reasonable written rules and hours established by the agency; however, agency personnel may impose limitations as necessary for the welfare of the client if the reasons for such limitations are documented in the client's individual case record;

(c) The right to communicate with a personal physician; and

(d) The right to practice personal religion or attend religious services, within the agency's policies and guidelines.

Client Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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